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C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 2860

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, CD
SUBJECT: SITUATION IN CHAD

1. A NORMALLY ROUTINE COCKTAIL PARTY GIVEN BY FOREIGN
MINISTER KAMOUGUE FOR DEPARTING SOVIET AMBASSADOR ON AUGUST
21 WAS HEAVILY WEIGHTED WITH POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS OF
RECENT CHADIAN/LIBYAN PROBLEM. KAMOUGUE'S REMARKS, AFTER
THANKING SOVIETS FOR PAST ASSISTANCE, WENT ON TO POINT OUT
THAT NOW WAS THE TIME CHAD'S TURE FRIENDS WERE BEING
TESTED. THE OBVIOUS IMPLICATION BEING THAT IF THE SOVIETS
CONTINUED TO REFUSE CHAD AMMUNITION AND SPARE PARTS FOR
EQUIPMENT ALREADY GIVEN, THEY WOULD FAIL THIS TEST.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER AND FOUR OTHER MEMBERS OF SUPREME
MILITARY COUNCIL WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE ALL SOUGHT ME
OUT PERSONALLY TO POINT OUT URGENCY OF CHAD'S NEEDS FOR
EQUIPMENT IN VIEW OF WHAT THEY CONSIDER IMMINENT ATTACKS
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IN THE NORTH. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR, IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION,
POINTED OUT THAT LIBYAN TANKS HAD BEEN INTRODUCED INTO
THE AREA. (FYI: LOGISTICS INVOLVED MAKE THIS HIGHLY DOUBTFUL.)
IN ANALYZING THE FOREGOING, IT SHOULD BE CONSTANTLY BORNE
IN MIND THAT THE SOURCES MAY BE OVERSTATING THEIR CASE IN
ORDER TO PUSH US INTO FASTER ACTION. THEY ARE GRAVELY
CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION AND WANT HELP AS SOON AS

POSSIBLE.

3. OUR OTHER ATTEMPTS TO ELICIT MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION
ON MILITARY SITUATION IN THE NORTH HAVE NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY
FRUITFUL. FRENCH CONTINUE TO TAKE RELAXED VIEW OF THE
SITUATION AND BELIEVE RENEWED HOSTILITIES ARE NOT IMMINENT,
BUT THEY READILY ADMIT THAT THEY ARE ALMOST AS MUCH IN THE
DARK ABOUT THE TRUE SITUATION IN THE REGION AS WE ARE. BRADFORD

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